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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF UTAH, CENTRAL DIVISION**

CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE IN
HIGHER EDUCATION,

Case No. 2:16-CV00911-CW

Plaintiff,

JOINT STATUS REPORT

vs.

Honorable Clark Waddoups

BETSY DeVOS, *et al.*,

Magistrate Judge Dustin B. Pead

Defendants.

Pursuant to the parties' August 21, 2018 joint status report (ECF 82), the parties submit this joint status report advising the Court of the status of the parties' efforts to resolve the disputes leading to the current litigation.

1. On January 19, 2018, the Center for Excellence in Higher Education (CEHE) and the Department of Education filed a stipulated joint motion to stay proceedings to allow the parties to continue discussions related to a resolution of this action. (ECF 73). The Court granted the parties' motion and ordered the parties to file a status report by April 20, 2018. (ECF 75).

2. On April 20, May 23, June 22, and August 21, 2018, the parties jointly submitted status reports (ECF 78, 80, 81, 82) advising the court that significant efforts to resolve this matter

without litigation were continuing. Accordingly, the parties sought a continuance of the stay. In their August 21, 2018 status report, the parties sought a 60-day continuance of the stay.

3. Since the parties' August 21 status report, the parties have continued to evaluate prospects for resolution of this litigation, and the parties have taken significant steps toward possible resolution of the litigation and a conclusion of their discussions. In light of these prospects for progress and in the interest of judicial economy, there is good cause to continue the stay and provide the parties sufficient time to continue the ongoing process, with the expectation that the parties may be able to conclude these discussions within 30 days from this status report.

4. Accordingly, the parties jointly request that the Court continue the stay and allow the parties to file a new status report in 30 days to advise the Court of the status of the case.

Dated: October 22, 2018

Respectfully submitted,

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